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In re application of: Robert A. Weaver et al.

Application No.: 09/733,608

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED
TEMPERATURE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to 3 month Non-Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2002 in the above-identified application.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month is enclosed.
 A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.
 No additional claim fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown.

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002 in the above-identified application. Please extend the period of the time for one month to expire on April 20, 2003. Enclosed is a petition for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 16/23, 34-39 and 40. Please cancel claims 4, 15, 26, 32 and 33. Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for thermally processing a microelectronic workpiece, comprising:
a workpiece support positioned to engage and support the microelectronic workpiece; and